Chile Puts ITT Documents on Sale

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SANTIAGO, April 4—Chile's government today put on sale a book called "The Secret Documents of the ITT," containing English and Spanish-language versions of he purloined International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. documents published in the United States by American columnist Jack Anderson.

News vendors declared the government volume an instant best-seller, competing well against the girlie magazines and screaming-headline newspapers that are the kiosks' standard fare. The purple-bound volume sells for 25 escudon—95 U.S. cents at the official rate of exchange or 35 cents at the black-market rate.

The papers, which Anderson said had been taken from ITT's Washington office, describe the international conglomerate as encouraging the U.S. government to prevent Salvador Allende, a Marxist, from assuming Chile's presidency after his popular-vote victory in 1970.

The documents, sent by air from Washington by Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier, arrived in Santiago just 10 days ago. A team of army and government translators put a Spanish version of the 26 documents before President Allende, who ordered the recently acquired government printing house to get it on the streets at once.

Several new vendors said they had sold out their first shipments of the book, even though most Santiago newspapers also carried the Spanish version, or parts of it, in their usual editions this morning.

The official newspaper Nacion said that the documents show a relation between "jingo" and "gringo," and spelled out ITT as Imperialism, Treason and Terror."

Siglo, the daily of the Communist Party central committee, twitted the conservative newspaper Mercurio for having ignored the ITT scandal until now, only to print what Siglo called a "premeditatedly falsified" translation now.

For Santiago's highly politicized readers, the ITT papers appeared to offer evidence supporting the spy stories that the Marxist press has bannered—usually without evidence over the years.

Despite today's publication, President Allende has still not commented on the papers, nor has he indicated whether he plans to move against ITT's investments here, which the company values at about $170 million.